

DRAFT Active Transportation Work Plan

To achieve the vision and goals outlined in the Policy Framework SCAG will adopt the Active Transportation Work Plan which is based on policies and goals from the 2012 RTP/SCS. The implementation of the work plan will require SCAG to continue and build upon existing partnerships with county and local planning agencies to ensure that both regional and local goals are met. In addition, the planning efforts in the work plan will need to be adopted into SCAG's Overall Work Program. While many of these planning activities can be accomplished in house by SCAG staff some of these efforts may require SCAG to apply for additional funding through grants and other partnerships.

Major Deliverables (FY12-FY16)

FY 2012-2013

1. Active Transportation Subcommittee Recommendations (4/13)
2. Active Transportation Outreach program (3/13)
3. Active Transportation Performance Measures (4/13)
4. Active Transportation Incentive Grant Program (2/13 – sustainability)
5. SCAG Transportation Safety Report (6/13)
6. Partnership Planning Grants
 - Metro First Mile/Last Mile study (6/13)
 - Bicycle Data Clearinghouse and Database (6/13)
 - Malibu/PCH Safety Study (12/13)
 - OCTA Metrolink NMT Access Study (6/13)
 - San Bernardino Bike/Ped Access to Transit (11/12)

FY 2013-2014

1. Active Transportation Needs Assessment (12/13)
2. Regional First Mile/Last Mile Strategy (12/13)
3. Health Impact Assessment (6/14)
4. Regional Safe Routes to School Strategy (6/14)
5. Regionally Significant Active Transportation Project List (6/14)
6. California Strategic Highway Safety Implementation Plan (6/14)

FY 2014-2015

1. Active Transportation Economic Impact Study (12/14)
2. Active Transportation Strategic Funding Plan (6/15)
3. Regional Complete Streets Plan (6/15)
4. Complete Regional Active Transportation Plan for 2016 RTP/SCS (6/15)

FY 2015-2016

1. Incorporate the Regional Active Transportation Plan into the 2016 RTP/SCS (6/15)

Ongoing:

1. Active Transportation Data Collection Strategy
2. Active Transportation Legislative Strategy

FY12-13 Work Plan

1. Adopt Active Transportation Subcommittee Recommendations

- Adopt the Active Transportation Policy Framework
- Adopt the Active Transportation Work Plan

2. Establish an Active Transportation Outreach program

Establish internal and external Peer Review Committees to assist SCAG in developing deliverables and providing input into modeling and other activities.

- Develop list of Expert Stakeholders
- Provide peer review of SCAG Active Transportation activities
 - 2012 RTP Implementation Strategies
 - 2016 RTP Development Strategies
 - Develop strategies for expanding promotion for bicycling and walking throughout SCAG Region (CicLAvia)

3. Develop Active Transportation Performance Measures

Leverage existing data to extrapolate information regarding active transportation. Work with Caltrans, County Transportation Agencies, Schools, Public Health Departments, local governments and Air Quality Management Districts to develop meaningful performance measures that can be inform the decision making process and be incorporated into funding criteria.

- Establish modeling metrics for active transportation to be used for 2016 RTP
- Recommendations for data gathering standards for bike and ped data
- Expand Bicycle/Pedestrian Data Clearinghouse developed with LA County Metro throughout region.

4. Active Transportation Needs Assessment

Develop a Needs Assessment that can inform future funding and legislative activities at SCAG. This needs assessment will require input from cities, counties, Air Quality Management Districts, Public Health Departments, and School Districts.

- Include infrastructure cost estimates and programmatic/education estimates
- Cost benefit information on active transportation investments

- Include GHG reduction s and health benefits and cost savings
- Track the number of complete streets projects

5. Develop an Active Transportation Strategic Funding Plan

Develop a detailed assessment of how active transportation is currently being funded in the SCAG region is funded at the federal, state, county and local level. Include data collected through the needs analysis process to suggest recommendations that alleviate funding shortfalls for active transportation.

- Include cost benefit information on active transportation investments to assist local jurisdictions to apply for more diverse funding streams such as HSIP.
- Include GHG reduction s and health benefits and cost savings to assist local jurisdictions to apply for cap and trade revenues and other funding sources.
- Track the number of complete streets projects to determine compliance with AB 1358 and DD-64-R1

6. Regional Complete Streets Policy

Develop a strategy to determine regional policies, assist in project prioritization and encourage CTCs to adopt Complete Streets policies.

- Review Complete Streets policies in other metro areas and cities
- Review SCAG Compass Blueprint Principles

Determine a policy framework to prioritize Complete Streets projects in the Constrained Plan for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

- Develop a regional policy to ensure that all projects in future RTPs address complete streets

Encourage the adoption of Complete Streets policies by local jurisdictions as mandated by AB 1358 and the CTCs.

- Provide model policies for local cities to adopt
- Provide best practices that cities can adopt when revising their general plans to incorporate complete streets under AB 1358.

7. Develop Active Transportation Incentive Grant Program

Develop an Active Transportation Incentive Grant Program in coordination with the Compass Blueprint program to provide funding for innovative planning and infrastructure projects by local cities.

- Implementation in coordination with CTCs and Caltrans
- Establish regional goals and criteria of the incentive grant program
- Establish Grant mechanisms for establishing incentive grant program
- Establish implementation monitoring program to track new facilities and programs

8. Grants and partnerships in Process in FY12-13

- First Mile/Last Mile Study (partnership with Metro)
- Malibu PCH Safety Study (FHWA Partnership Planning Grant)
- OCTA Metrolink Park and Ride (FHWA Partnership Planning Grant)
- Metro Union Station Access Study (FHWA Partnership Planning Grant)
- Metro Bicycle/Pedestrian Data Clearinghouse (FHWA Partnership Planning Grant)

FY13-14 Work Plan

1. Regional Safe Routes to School Plan

Determine regional strategies that will increase the number of children walking and biking to and from school and provide data for CTC's and local jurisdictions on successful SRTS strategies.

- Develop a regional methodology for prioritizing investments in Safe Routes to School
- Compile regional best practices and resources
- Develop relationships with school districts and look for opportunities to collaborate on data collection and the promotion of active transportation.

2. Regional First Mile/Last Mile Strategy

Develop a Regional First/Last Mile Strategy and project list to be included in the FTIP and STIP.

- Review of First Mile/Last Mile study conclusions and recommendations (Metro, SANBAG, OCTA)
- Work with CTCs to develop additional opportunities for funding First Mile /Last Mile strategies.

3. Health Impact Assessment of the FTIP and STIP

Apply for funding to perform an expanded health analysis of all projects in the FTIP and STIP to determine the health impacts and opportunities for policy change.

- Examine safety statistics, public health metrics and opportunities to expand active transportation to improve public health.
- Analyze different scenarios of transportation investments in terms of access, public health benefits and cost effectiveness.

4. Regional Active Transportation Project List

Develop project lists from each CTC to ensure that active transportation projects are eligible for new funding sources as they present themselves.

- Develop concept plans for cross jurisdictional routes and coordinate with CTCs and local cities to ensure that seamless bicycle travel is possible throughout the SCAG Region.
- Develop an early action plan for bikeway and first-last mile development within each CTC.
- Develop agreements with each CTC/local jurisdictions to complete regionally significant active transportation projects.
- Develop an outreach strategy and project selection methodology to gather stakeholder input and develop funding priorities.

FY 14-15 Work Plan

- 1. Develop “State of Safety” Study for SCAG Region, which will include walking and bicycling**
Establish Regional Safety Policies for the SCAG region, including Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, and First/Last Mile access to transit.
- 2. 2016 Active Transportation Plan**
Compile previous active transportation work to begin preparation for the 2016 RTP/SCS and create a Preliminary Draft Active Transportation Plan
 - Provide an analysis for improvement on the performance measures listed in the 2012 RTP/SCS.

FY15-16 Work Plan

- 1. Final Active Transportation Plan for 2016 RTP/SCS**
Develop final Active Transportation Plan for 2016 RTP/SCS with stakeholder input and public comments.

Ongoing Tasks

- 1. Active Transportation Data Collection Strategy**
Develop an ongoing process to work with County Transportation Agencies and local jurisdictions to maintain and expand data collection efforts for active transportation.
 - Regularly update bicycle network maps and inventories.
 - Develop a sidewalk inventory.
 - Maintain safety and public health metrics related to active transportation.
- 2. Active Transportation Legislative Strategy**
Develop a state and federal legislative strategy to assist with increasing funding for active transportation, promote innovative design solutions and remove barriers to active transportation investments.
 - Examples might include a vulnerable user’s law, a 3 foot passing bill, increased funding for active transportation from federal and state sources, etc.